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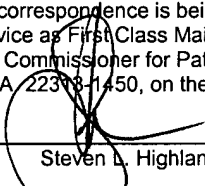
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INFECTION USING HMG-COA
REDUCTASE INHIBITORS AND
ISOPRENYLATION INHIBITORS

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was January 2, 2004. Enclosed is a three-month extension of time, bringing the deadline to respond to April 2, 2004. No other fee are believed due; however, should applicants' check be missing, or any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/VBLT:003US/SLH. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments begin at page 2 of this response; **Remarks** begin at page 4.